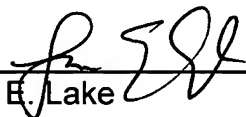


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-55 are canceled. New claims 56-81 are pending in the application.  
Examination of claims 56-81 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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